

Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council



ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Public Health Inspector

Year ended 31st December, 1963

Amyddislyn Urban District Council



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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Committee consists of 17 Members of the Council

Chairman - Councillor S. W. Lloyd

Day of meeting - First Tuesday in
each Month

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. H. V. M. Jones, M. B. (London)
D. P. H. (Liverpool)

Public Health Inspector and Shops Inspector - J. Lloyd Jones,
M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

MYNYDDISLWYN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

To the Chairman and Members
of the Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1963.

There is no unusual feature in the public health returns of mortality, birthrate and incidence of infectious diseases.

The clinics are well patronised and adequate to the demands made upon them.

The opening of the new premises for the Pontllanfraith Clinic facilitated the comfort of all concerned and provided new services such as Chiropody and Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics.

It is very much to be hoped that when the premises at Manor Farm cease to be available, the Penllwyn Clinic, Antenatal and Infant Welfare Sessions will be able to operate elsewhere on the Penllwyn.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

H. V. M. JONES

Medical Officer of Health

MYNYDDISLWYN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Area of District	5,415 acres
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1963	£117,704.
Product of ld. Rate 1963	£455.16.5d.
Population (Estimated Mid 1962)	15,540
Population (Estimated Mid 1963)	15,490
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1962 (Crude)	17.3
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1962 (Adjusted)	17.3
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1963 (Crude)	16.1
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1963 (Adjusted)	16.3
Live Births for 1962	269
Live Births for 1963	249
Number of Deaths for 1962	162
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1962 (Crude)	10.4
Number of Deaths for 1963	184
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1963 (Crude)	11.9
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1963 (Adjusted)	15.9
Infant Mortality Rate for 1962	18.6
Infant Mortality Rate for 1963	16.1

BIRTHS AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES

Number of births registered locally belonging to the District ..	105
Number of births registered outside the District	144
Total number of births given in the Registrar General's Return ..	249
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (Crude) ..	16.1
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (Adjusted) ..	16.3
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	4.4
Number of still births	9
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births	34.9
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	4
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	16.1
Legitimate infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births ..	16.8
Illegitimate infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births ..	0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) ..	16.1
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) ..	12.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) ..	42.6
Number of deaths from pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	0

Showing the Comparisions of the Vital Statistics
of Mynyddislwyn Urban District, England and Wales
for the year 1963.

	Mynyddislwyn Urban District	England and Wales
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	16.3	18.2
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births	34.9	17.2
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	16.1	21.1
Total Death Rate per 1,000 of population (adjusted)	15.9	12.2

T A B L E 1

Showing the number of births registered in the Mynyddislwyn Urban Area during 1963, according to sex, month, quarter of occurrence, together with transferable births

Month	Male	Female	Total	Quarterly Births
January	5	7	12	33
February	4	7	11	
March	-	10	10	
April	4	3	7	
May	9	5	14	24
June	2	1	3	
July	2	1	3	
August	9	3	12	
September	4	6	10	25
October	3	6	9	
November	4	5	9	
December	4	4	8	
Totals	50	58	108	108
Inward Transferable Births	86	55	141	-
Grand Total for 1963	136	113	249	-

T A B L E 11

Showing the infant deaths (i.e. deaths in infants under 1 years of age)
occurring during 1963, by cause and in age groups

Cause of Death	0 to 4 weeks	4 weeks to 1 year
Tuberculosis Respiratory Other	-	-
Sylphilitic Disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Cancer (Malignant Disease)	-	-
Heart Disease	-	-
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	-
Bronchitis	-	-
Other Respiratory Disease	-	-
Congenital Malformations	1	-
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-
Violence	-	-
Atelectasis	-	-
Prematurity	2	-
Erythroblastosis Foetalis or Incompatibility of Parents' Blood Group	-	-
Other Causes	-	-
TOTAL.....	4	-

Showing Causes of Deaths

Causes	Male 114	Female 70
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	1	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	9	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	6
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	13
Coronary disease, agina	27	6
Hypertension with heart disease	-	4
Other heart disease	19	15
Other circulatory disease	5	2
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	2	1
Bronchitis	11	2
Other disease of respiratory system	3	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-
Hyperphasia of prostate	1	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
Congenital malformations	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	7
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	2	2
Suicide	2	1
Homicide and operations of war	-	-
Diabetes	-	-
Deaths of infants under one year of age	3	1
Legitimate	3	1
Illegitimate	-	-
Total of Births	136	113
Legitimate	129	109
Illegitimate	7	4
Still Births	4	5
Legitimate	4	3
Illegitimate	-	2

T A B L E 1V

Showing monthly notification of tuberculosis (all forms) for the year 1963

Month	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
January	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-
March	1	-	-	-	1
April	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	1	-	-	1
July	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	1	-	-	2

TABLE V

Comparison of Annual Tuberculosis Statistics

	Yearly Notification of Tuberculosis				Total Yearly cases of Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Deaths from Tuberculosis				Total yearly deaths from Tuberculosis
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females	
1954	17	4	1	1	23	5	-	-	-	5
1955	5	5	-	1	11	-	-	3	-	3
1956	9	7	1	1	18	-	-	2	2	4
1957	13	4	1	1	19	-	-	1	-	1
1958	2	3	-	1	6	1	-	1	-	2
1959	14	4	-	1	19	-	1	-	-	1
1960	8	4	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-
1961	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
1962	6	2	-	-	8	2	-	-	-	2
1963	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

Analysis of Infectious Diseases in this District during 1963 showing age/sex distribution of the cases of Infectious Diseases notified in the District in 1963, also showing admission of same to Hospital.

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DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION
for six months ended 30th June, 1963.

	Age at date of final injection (As regards A) or of reinforcing injection (as regards B)			
	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	Total
A. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation in the Authority's area (including temporary residents) during the six months	6	115	12	133
B. Number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection (i.e. subsequently to primary immunisation at an earlier age) during the six months ended 30th June, 1963.	-	48	19	67
<u>Six months ended 31st December, 1963.</u>				
	Age at date of final injection (as regards A) or of reinforcing injection (as regards B)			
	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	Total
A. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation in the Authority's area (including temporary residents) during the six months	69	35	3	107
B. Number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection (i.e. subsequently to primary immunisation at an earlier age) during the six months ended 31st December, 1963.	-	66	23	89

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

1. Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated during period)						
Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated	-	16	-	2	-	18
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	-	15	-	15
2. Number of cases specially reported during period (Age Groups as above)						
(a) Generalised Vaccinia	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Post-vaccinal Encephalomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Death from complications of vaccination other than (a) or (b)	-	-	-	-	-	-

Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council



Public Health Inspector's

R E P O R T

for the year

1963

To the Chairman and Members of the
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Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report
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F O O D S

MILK SUPPLY

Licences to sell designated milk i.e. Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk were formerly issued by the Local Authority, but recent legislation has now imposed this duty on the County Council.

28 samples of milk were taken by the County Authority for analysis, all of which reached the required standard.

14 samples were taken by me and submitted for bacteriological examination. All of them reached the required standard.

Number of inspections of Dairy Premises and Vehicles 26

ICE-CREAM

By far the most of the ice-cream sold in the area is manufactured and pre-packed outside the area. As seen below, of the 43 retailers in the area, only three of them produced their own ice-cream.

There are 41 retailers of ice-cream on the Register.

Number of premises registered during 1963	-	2
Number of premises registered	-	43
Number of registered persons producing	-	3
Number of inspections of premises and vehicles	-	91
Number of samples taken	-	12

In connection with the inspection of food premises, the following is a summary of the visits made throughout the year.

<u>Type of Premises</u>		<u>No. of Visits Made</u>
Butchers' Shops	-	71
Greengrocers' Shops	-	40
Fishmongers' Shops	-	19
Premises registered for preparation of Food	-	178
Other premises where food is stored/and/or sold	-	80
Cafes and Canteens	-	27
Premises registered for the sale of ice-cream	-	43
Licenced Premises	-	22

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT - SAMPLING

My acknowledgement is due again to the Weights and Measurers Department for the County, in supplying me with the following information of samples of food and drink taken for examination under the Food and Drugs Act in this area.

During the year 1963 47 samples were taken, consisting of:-

23 Milk: 7 Beer: 12 Other Foods:

I am happy to say that the Public Analyst certified all the samples to be in accordance with the various standards required.

A further sample taken as the result of a complaint, but not submitted to the Public Analyst, is reported as follows:-

Ladies Hair Roller in Christmas Pudding

Manufacturer convicted but given Absolute Discharge.

Costs £5. 5. Od.

MEAT INSPECTION

There is at present no slaughterhouse in the area. Nearly all the meat obtained in the area is purchased from slaughterhouses in Maesycwmmmer, Newport and Abergavenny, and all those premises are maintained by an adequate inspection staff.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND STATISTICS ON THE COUNCIL'S SWIMMING BATHS AT PONTLLANFRAITH

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Bathers (adults)	2,423	2,449	1,233	2,757
Bathers (juvenile)	14,961	25,010	17,526	24,255
Spectators (adults)	1,088	1,538	897	1,751
Spectators (juvenile)	1,180	1,828	1,713	2,050

The figure for juvenile bathers include 5,071 attendances of children in supervised parties, who received swimming instruction.

MORTUARY FACILITIES

The District is provided with a modern well equipped mortuary and its facilities are often used by neighbouring authorities who have no mortuary of their own.

During the year, it was used on 50 occasions and the number of post mortems carried out was 46.

H O U S I N G 1 . 9 6 3

Number of new houses erected during the year..... 32

1. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:
 - Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers..... 100

Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:

1. Number of dwelling houses closed..... 6
2. Number of dwelling houses demolished..... 6
3. Number of families re-housed..... 6

Proceedings under the Public Health Acts & Housing Act, 1957:

1. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:
 - (a) By Owners..... 9
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners..... -
2. Number of unfit houses made fit after formal action under the Housing Act, 1957..... 1

H O U S I N G

The following table indicated the progress of building in this area by the Local Authority and by private enterprise

	Temporary Pre-Fabs	Traditional (including requisitioned Property)	Total
Number of dwellings owned by the Local Authority on 31st December, 1963 (including flats)	99	1275	1374
Number of houses in course of erection on 31st December, 1963	-	46	46
Number of houses for which sanction had been given but which had not been commenced on 31st December, 1963	-	-	-
Number of dwellings completed during the year			
(a) By Local Authority	-	-	-
(b) By Private Enterprise	-	32	32
Total			— 32 —

RENT ACT 1957

So far as the local authority is concerned very little work has been done under this Act in recent years. In 1963 no applications were made for a Certificate of Disrepair, and only one application for a cancellation was made. This was granted.

UNSOUND FOOD

The following table shows the variety and amount of foodstuffs condemned as unfit for human consumption.

<u>Tomatoes</u>	<u>Corned Beef</u>	<u>Vegetables</u>	<u>Sausages</u>	<u>Veal</u>	<u>Ham</u>
29 Tins	11 lbs	14 lbs	4 lbs	6 lbs	45 lbs
<u>Cream</u>	<u>Margarine</u>	<u>Oranges</u>	<u>Bacon</u>	<u>Chicken</u>	<u>Salmon</u>
31 Tins	48 lbs	100	10 lbs	1	1 tin

CARAVAN SITES

The lack of a fair sized site with good amenities continues to cause accommodation problems. Most of the applications for site licences are made out for one caravan. For instance, the five licences in 1963 provided for only eight caravans. This means that there is no accommodation available for many people who wish to occupy a site for a limited period only. These are mainly technicians, and others, who have short-term work engagements in or near the area. One of the results of this lack of accommodation is that unlicensed sites are used in out of the way corners of the district. This practice involves me in quite a lot of work.

One question poses itself at this point. Where are all the gypsies gone? A few years ago there would be up to six encampments in the area at any one time but for some reason or other these colourful wanderers seem to have left us and similar reports from other areas show that this is part of a national trend.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

The Animal Boarding Establishments 1963, which came into force this year, requires that premises where animals are boarded out, must be licenced by the local authority. One application was made, and the licence was duly granted. Regular inspections are made to ensure that the conditions of the licence are observed.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Council is now a member of an organization, the function of which is to operate a national survey of air pollution. This is controlled by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. Since January of this year, two volumetric measuring instruments have been in continuous operation, by means of which daily readings are taken of smoke concentration and sulphur dioxide content of a measured volume of air. The results are tabulated and despatched to the Department's laboratory, which incorporates them in the National Survey.

LODGING HOUSE

There is one lodging house in the area, occupied mainly by elderly male lodgers, most of whom are in receipt of an old age pension. They live there permanently and regard it as their home. Unfortunately the establishment can, in effect, be said to be an old person's home, a function for which it is very unsuitable.

WATER SUPPLIES

1. In general the water supplied by the Water Undertakers, Abertillery and District Water Board, is satisfactory as regards quality and quantity. There were no serious restrictions during the year.
2. Frequent bacteriological samples are taken by the Undertakers and reports to this Department indicate that the results of the analysis are satisfactory. Four samples of the treated water were taken by this Department for bacteriological examination and the results were satisfactory.

There were no samples taken for chemical analysis.

3. There is no evidence that the water is plumbo-solvent.
4. No action was necessary in respect of any form of contamination.
5. The number of dwelling houses and the approximate number of the population supplied from the mains are as follows:-
 1. Direct to the houses - 4,335 houses, 15,000 population
 2. By means of standpipes - 3 houses, 8 people

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Urban Area is adequately served by sewerage, the controlling body being the Western Valleys (Mon) Sewerage Board. There is no sewage works in the area. The number of dwellings not connected to the sewer is comparatively small, approximately 70, and these consist of farms and cottages in isolated parts of the area. In these cases with the aid of Improvement Grants, there is a growing tendency for the more primitive type of disposal to be exchanged for properly designed and constructed septic tanks.

F A C T O R I E S A C T 1961

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on the Register	Number of		Occupier Prosecuted
		Inspections	Written Notices	
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 enforced by Local Authority	4	11	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1. to which Section 7 applies	29	31	-	-
3. Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.....	33	42	-	-

DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES

Particulars			Number of Defects		
Want of cleanliness (Section 1)	3	3	-	-	-
Want of ventilation (Section 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Want of drainage to floors (Section 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary (Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
Accommodation (Unsuitable of defective	-	-	-	-	-
(Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.....	3	3	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL
REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1963

	<u>TYPE OF PROPERTY</u>				
	Non-Agricultural				Agricultural
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	All other (including business premises)	Total of Cols. 1, 2 & 3	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	3	4339	670	5009	39
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	-	141	33	174	4
(b) Survey Under Act	3	46	30	79	-
(c) Otherwise (E.G. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	30	20	50	6
3. Number of properties inspected (in Section 11) which were found to be infested by:					
Rats (Major)	-	2	-	2	-
(Minor)	3	109	34	46	4
Mice (Major)	-	-	-	-	-
(Minor)	-	30	5	35	-
4. Number of infested properties (in Section 111) treated by Local Authority	3	141	36	180	-
5. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work	-	-	-	-	-
(i.e. Proofing)					
6. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act	-	-	-	-	-
7. Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
8. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

Summary of visits made which are not classified elsewhere
in the Report

Complaints

Total number investigated (all premises)..... 131

Animals etc, kept

Piggeries..... 11
Stables..... -
Fowls, pigeons..... 40

Drainage

Number of main or branch drains tested or inspected..... 27
Number of visits to work in progress..... 105

Dwelling Houses

Number of visits in connection with complaints..... 93
Number of visits in connection with infectious disease..... 9
Number of visits in connection with the Rent Act, 1957..... 2
Investigation into living conditions..... 11

Miscellaneous

Vists not otherwise classified..... 50

In conclusion, I should like to thank all Officers of all Departments of the Council for their kind and willing co-operation during the year.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Brown and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. LLOYD JONES

Public Health Inspector
and Shops Inspector

